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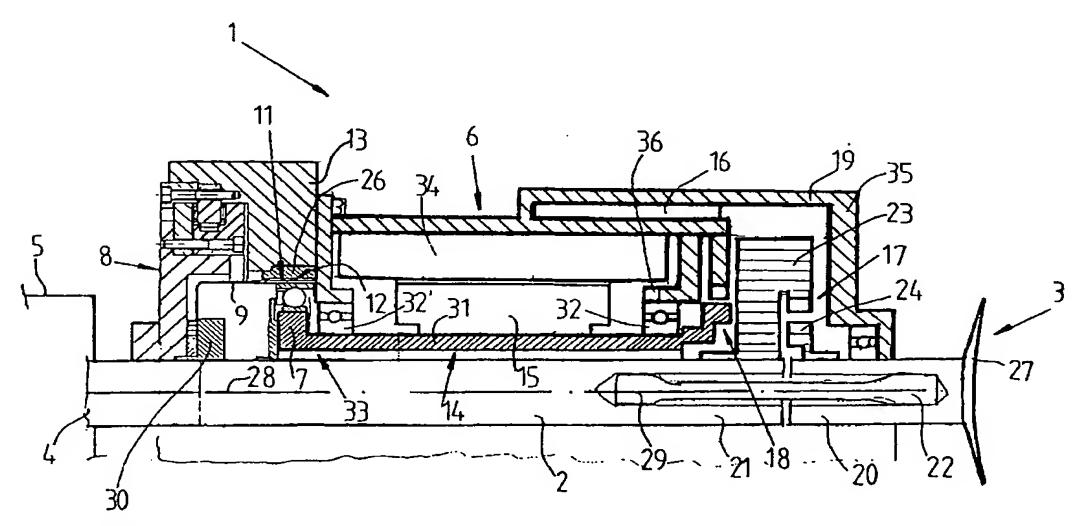
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(54) Title: STEERING SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE

(54) Bezeichnung: LENKSYSTEM FÜR EIN FAHRZEUG



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a steering system (1) for a vehicle, which is configured as a power-assisted steering system. A steering shaft (2) mechanically links a steering handling device (3) with a steering gear (5) and is gear-connected to a servomotor (6), thereby providing a torque to be applied to the steering shaft (2). In order to reduce as far as possible the installation space and power required for the steering system (1), the gear connection is configured as a strain wave gearing or harmonic drive (8) and the servomotor (6) is preferably configured as a quill drive motor through which the steering shaft (2) extends. The steering shaft (2) also extends through the strain wave gearing (8), and a radially flexible roll-off sleeve (9) and the steering shaft (2) act upon an output flange (30) of the strain wave gearing (8). Said output flange (30) is linked with an input shaft (4) of the steering gear (5) in a rotationally fixed manner.

(57) Zusammenfassung: Die Erfindung betrifft ein Lenksystem (1) für ein Fahrzeug, das als Servolenkung ausgebildet ist. Eine

Lenkwelle (2) zur mechanischen Verbindung einer Lenkhandhabe (3) mit einem Lenkgetriebe (5) weist eine getriebliche Verbindung mit einem Servomotor (6) zur Bereitstellung

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eines Drehmomentes auf die Lenkwelle (2) auf. Um den Bauraumbedarf und den Energiebedarf des Lenksystems (1) zu minimieren, ist vorgesehen, die getriebliche Verbindung als Wellgetriebe oder harmonic-drive (8) auszubilden und den Servomotor (6) bevorzugt als Hohlwellenmotor, von der Lenkwelle (2) durchragt, auszubilden. Das Wellegetriebe (8) wird von der Lenkwelle durchragt, wobei eine radialflexible Abrollbuchse (9) und die Lenkwelle (2) auf einen Abtriebsflansch (30) des Wellgetriebes (8) wirkt. Der Abtriebsflansch (30) ist mit einer Eingangswelle (4) des Lenkgetriebes (5) drehfest verbunden.

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1. claims 1-6, 14-18

arrangement of a harmonic drive in a steering system;

2. claims 7-13

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Kategorie*	Bezeichnung der Veröffentlichung, soweit erforderlich unter Angabe der in Betracht kommenden Teile	Betr. Anspruch Nr.			
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Feld I Bemerkungen zu den Ansprüchen, die sich als nicht recherchierbar erwiesen haben (Fortsetzung von Punkt 2 auf Blatt
Gemäß Artikel 17(2)a) wurde aus folgenden Gründen für bestimmte Ansprüche kein Recherchenbericht erstellt:
1. Ansprüche Nr. weil sie sich auf Gegenstände beziehen, zu deren Recherche die Behörde nicht verpflichtet ist, nämlich
2. Ansprüche Nr. weil sie sich auf Teile der internationalen Anmeldung beziehen, die den vorgeschrlebenen Anforderungen so wenig entsprechen, daß eine sinnvolle Internationale Recherche nicht durchgeführt werden kann, nämlich
3. Ansprüche Nr. weil es sich dabei um abhängige Ansprüche handelt, die nicht entsprechend Satz 2 und 3 der Regel 6.4 a) abgefaßt sind.
Feld II Bemerkungen bei mangelnder Einheitlichkeit der Erfindung (Fortsetzung von Punkt 3 auf Blatt 1)
Die internationale Recherchenbehörde hat festgestellt, daß diese internationale Anmeldung mehrere Erfindungen enthält:
siehe Zusatzblatt
1. Da der Anmelder alle erforderlichen zusätzlichen Recherchengebühren rechtzeitig entrichtet hat, erstreckt sich dieser internationale Recherchenbericht auf alle recherchierbaren Ansprüche.
2. Da für alle recherchierbaren Ansprüche die Recherche ohne einen Arbeitsaufwand durchgeführt werden konnte, der eine zusätzliche Recherchengebühr gerechtfertigt hätte, hat die Behörde nicht zur Zahlung einer solchen Gebühr aufgefordert.
3. Da der Anmelder nur einige der erforderlichen zusätzlichen Recherchengebühren rechtzeitig entrichtet hat, erstreckt sich dieser internationale Recherchenbericht nur auf die Ansprüche, für die Gebühren entrichtet worden sind, nämlich auf die Ansprüche Nr.
Der Anmelder hat die erforderlichen zusätzlichen Recherchengebühren nicht rechtzeitig entrichtet. Der internationale Recherchenbericht beschränkt sich daher auf die in den Ansprüchen zuerst erwähnte Erfindung; diese ist in folgenden Ansprüchen erfaßt: 1-6, 14-18
Bemerkungen hinsichtlich eines Widerspruchs Die zusätzlichen Gebühren wurden vom Anmelder unter Widerspruch gezahlt. Die Zahlung zusätzlicher Recherchengebühren erfolgte ohne Widerspruch.

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Die internationale Recherchenbehörde hat festgestellt, dass diese internationale Anmeldung mehrere (Gruppen von) Erfindungen enthält, nämlich:

1. Ansprüche: 1-6, 14-18

Anordnung eines Wellgetriebes in einem Lenksystem

2. Ansprüche: 7-13

Sensorik und Steuerung / Regelung für ein Lenksystem

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